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Henry Esmond Butterworth

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AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING TASKS IN
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.


Due to a massive power outage across much of the north-eastern United States, this Request for Continued Examination and the Amendment enclosed herewith is being filed on August 15, 2003 rather than the six-month statutory deadline of August 14, 2003. The power outage prevented the undersigned attorney from completing and printing the Request for Continued Examination and the Amendment documents, as well as delivering them to the U.S. Post Office or faxing them to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 14, 2003. Thus, the undersigned attorney hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents to enter this Request for Continued Examination and enclosed Amendment despite filing them one day past the six-month statutory deadline of August 14, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$1,848 for the RCE fee (\$750), a three-month extension fee (\$940), and additional claims fee (\$168) is enclosed. No additional fee is believed due, however, should an

additional fee be required please charge Deposit Account 50-0510.
Should any additional extensions of time be required, please consider
this a petition thereof and charge Deposit Account 50-0510 the required
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 15, 2003


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